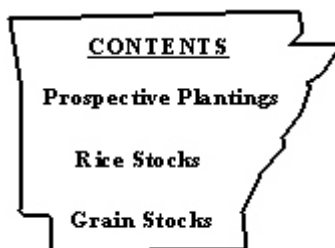


ARKANSAS FARM REPORT

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This report contains the results from the *March Agriculture Survey* conducted during the first half of March 2004 for obtaining information on the 2004 crops planted and to be planted, rice stocks and grain stocks. The data for the past ten years are posted on our home page at the Internet address above and more detailed national report is available on the NASS web site at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or telephone interview for the survey.

ARKANSAS 2004 PLANTING INTENTIONS

ARKANSAS farmers intend to plant less acres in corn and sorghum; while they plan to plant more acres in cotton, rice, and soybeans, according to the March 1, 2004 Prospective Planting Survey. Wheat acreage seeded last fall was up 3%. All hay intended for harvest was estimated at 1.35 million acres, up slightly from a year ago.

2004 PROSPECTIVE CROP PLANTING

| | ACREAGE PLANTED | | | 2004 as % |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 ¹ | of 2003 |
| | (1,000 Acres) | | | |
| ARKANSAS | | | | |
| Corn, All | 265 | 365 | 280 | 77 |
| Cotton, All | 960 | 980 | 1,050 | 107 |
| Hay, All ² | 1,430 | 1,340 | 1,350 | 101 |
| Rice, All | 1,516 | 1,466 | 1,561 | 106 |
| Long Grain | 1,350 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 108 |
| Medium Grain | 165 | 165 | 160 | 97 |
| Short Grain | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Sorghum, All | 240 | 225 | 110 | 49 |
| Soybeans for Beans | 2,950 | 2,920 | 3,050 | 104 |
| Wheat, All | 950 | 700 | 720 | 103 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | |
| Corn, All | 78,894 | 78,736 | 79,004 | 100 |
| Cotton, All | 13,957.9 | 13,483.1 | 14,401.6 | 107 |
| Hay, All ² | 63,942 | 63,342 | 63,731 | 101 |
| Oats | 4,995 | 4,601 | 4,312 | 94 |
| Rice, All | 3,240 | 3,022 | 3,260 | 108 |
| Long Grain | 2,537 | 2,332 | 2,526 | 108 |
| Medium Grain | 676 | 647 | 693 | 107 |
| Short Grain | 27 | 43 | 41 | 95 |
| Sorghum, All | 9,589 | 9,420 | 8,600 | 91 |
| Soybeans for Beans | 73,963 | 73,404 | 75,411 | 103 |
| Wheat, All | 60,318 | 61,700 | 59,462 | 96 |

¹Intended plantings in 2004 as indicated by reports from farmers.

²Intended acres for harvest

RICE STOCKS BY POSITION, BY STATES, MARCH 1, 2003-2004

| STATE | TOTAL ALL POSITIONS | ON FARMS OR FARM WHSES. | IN MILLS AND ATTACHED WHSES. | IN WHSES. NOT ATTACHED TO MILLS | IN PORTS OR IN TRANSIT | TOTAL ALL POSITIONS |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | | | | 2004 |
| ROUGH RICE - 1,000 CWT. | | | | | | |
| ARKANSAS | 53,423 | 10,020 | 7,585 | 27,000 | 0 | 44,785 |
| California | 22,241 | 1,525 | 1 | 18,323 | 1 | 22,014 |
| Louisiana | 8,608 | 2,300 | 1 | 3,197 | 1 | 8,307 |
| Mississippi | 8,566 | 2,500 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5,243 |
| Missouri | 4,430 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Texas | 5,310 | 1 | 1 | 2,215 | 0 | 1 |
| Unallocated | 0 | 1,800 | 6,170 | 4,415 | 610 | 7,491 |
| United States | 102,578 | 18,325 | 13,755 | 55,150 | 610 | 87,840 |
| MILLED RICE - 1,000 CWT. | | | | | | |
| ARKANSAS | 2,019 | | 1,253 | 146 | 159 | 1,558 |
| California | 2,084 | | 2,238 | 0 | 903 | 3,141 |
| Louisiana | 1,428 | | 288 | 0 | 509 | 797 |
| Mississippi | 1 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Missouri | 1 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Texas | 952 | | 608 | 0 | 0 | 608 |
| Unallocated | 144 | | 143 | 0 | 86 | 229 |
| United States | 6,627 | | 4,530 | 146 | 1,657 | 6,333 |

¹Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

U.S. GRAIN AND SOYBEAN STOCKS, MARCH 1, 2003 AND MARCH 1, 2004

| GRAIN | ON FARMS 2003 | OFF FARMS ¹ 2003 | TOTAL STOCKS ² 2003 | ON FARMS 2004 | OFF FARMS ¹ 2004 | TOTAL STOCKS ² 2004 | TOTAL 2004 AS % OF 2003 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | <i>Thousand Bushels</i> | | | <i>Thousand Bushels</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> |
| <u>UNITED STATES</u> | | | | | | | |
| Soybeans | 636,500 | 565,528 | 1,202,028 | 355,900 | 549,623 | 905,523 | 75 |
| Wheat, all | 236,300 | 670,333 | 906,633 | 257,890 | 761,141 | 1,019,031 | 112 |
| Corn | 2,940,000 | 2,191,873 | 5,131,873 | 3,030,000 | 2,240,641 | 5,270,641 | 103 |
| Grain Sorghum | 27,500 | 135,423 | 162,923 | 21,000 | 137,652 | 158,652 | 97 |
| Oats | 35,000 | 47,879 | 82,879 | 45,600 | 49,469 | 95,069 | 115 |

¹Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, processors and CCC-owned grain at bin sites.

²Off farm total plus farm stocks.